

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

### PREPROFESSIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights major points only regarding admission and transfer. Students are advised to read the university and RDC calendars, and the Alberta Transfer Guide for other necessary information. Some courses listed may have prerequisites; refer to [Course Descriptions](#). Access this guide online: [www.rdc.ab.ca/academic\\_advising](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_advising).

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT:

- Some professional programs have a limited number of seats available according to province of origin;
- Some professional programs do not accept international students;
- Neither completing preprofessional program requirements nor the GPA received on that coursework guarantees acceptance into a professional program;
- Entrance requirements for professional programs vary as per university. It is a student's responsibility to ensure they are taking correct coursework for a university other than specified in the title of an academic planning guide;
- The information in this guide is a summary only and students are strongly advised to consult the calendar for the university they wish to attend. This guide is for UofA only.

This program is essentially the first year of a Bachelor of Science tailored to meet the admission requirements of the Dental Hygiene Diploma (preprofessional year + 2 years) followed by application to the BSc Dental Hygiene program (Dental Hygiene Diploma + one year) at UofA. Because BSc Dental Hygiene is a quota program, students are encouraged to meet these admission requirements while pursuing an alternate university degree suitable to their interests and possible future career. This course work is compatible with programs required of students in the preprofessional disciplines of Pharmacy, Medicine and Dentistry, and Occupational Therapy; also, with specialization and honors programs in the Faculty of Science for Biochemistry, Cell Biotechnology, Genetics, Microbiology, and Pharmacology.

RDC does not admit to BSc Dental Hygiene; please apply to BSc General.

#### PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR ADMISSION TO DENTAL HYGIENE DIPLOMA

REQUIRED COURSES	# OF CREDITS	COURSES TAKEN AT RED DEER COLLEGE
Statistics	3	STAT 251
Sociology	3	SOCI 260
General Chemistry	3	CHEM 211
Organic Chemistry	3	CHEM 351
Biology	3	BIOL 217
Psychology	3	PSYC 260
English	6	ENGL 219/220
Options	6	Any courses transferable to UofA

## SUGGESTED PATTERN OF COURSES YEAR 1

FALL	WINTER
BIOL 217 (3)	STAT 251 (3)
CHEM 211 (3)	CHEM 351 (3)
ENGL 219 (3)	ENGL 220 (3)
PSYC 260 (3)	SOCI 260 (3)
OPTION (3) <sup>1</sup>	OPTION (3) <sup>1</sup>

### NOTE:

- Options:** Choose 6 credits from any discipline. Use the Alberta Transfer Guide to check credit transfer to UofA. For students who will continue preparing for admission to this program while earning an alternate degree in the Faculty of Science at UofA, please note that neither SOCI 310 nor SOCI 312 transfer for credit to that faculty. Consult the academic planning guide for your alternate program for additional information.

### ALL STUDENTS IN THIS PROGRAM ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO:

- Consult [Course Descriptions](#) for any course prerequisites,
- Check [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) concerning course credit transfer to UofA,
- Consult the calendar for [University of Alberta](#) and appropriate websites, and
- Consult the academic planning guide for your alternate degree program re: important program and transfer admission information.

## TRANSFER CHECKLIST

- Grades of 6 or 7 are accepted for: IB Chemistry (higher) as equivalent to CHEM 211; IB Biology (higher) as equivalent to BIOL 217; IB English (higher) will meet the English requirement. See: [http://www.med.ualberta.ca/Education/UME/admissions/dh\\_require.cfm](http://www.med.ualberta.ca/Education/UME/admissions/dh_require.cfm).
- The minimum requirement for admission is completion of \*30 transferable postsecondary courses of which \*24 must be taken during one academic year (September to April inclusive). The 10 prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission but do not have to be taken in the same academic year.
- Starting Fall 2012, the Applicant Profile and Admission Formula is:**
  - Overall GPA (OGPA):** (80% of overall rank score) is comprised of all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer terms. For OGPA calculation full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of \*18 taken during Fall/Winter terms or \*12 taken during Spring/Summer terms.
  - Interview score:** 20% of overall rank score.
  - Minimum standards:** overall GPA of 2.70; score of 19 in the interview

Meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission. All applicants are in open competition and ranked according to the above criteria.

- The admission GPA for *applicants with one to three years of postsecondary study* will be cumulative on all academic study done while registered as a full-time student (see 3.A). An *applicant with four or more years of postsecondary study* while registered as a full-time student, the overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter average, provided it is not the most recent year of study or the one and only year where \*24 was completed.
- Admission to the program is limited to 48 positions annually and applications are selected on a competitive basis. 85% of the seats are reserved for Alberta residents, 5% for international students (Student Visitors) and 10% for other Canadians. In addition to the regular quota positions, additional position(s) per year may be available for a qualified student(s) of aboriginal ancestry. Aboriginal applicants interested in this program are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of the Native Health Care Careers Program (780-492-9526) for further information. For Alberta residence terms see [13.2](#) in UofA Calendar.
- For the 2011 intake, 213 applications were received, 132 were qualified applicants, and of those, 42 were admitted. The overall GPA was 2.76 to 4.00. More [statistics](#) are available.
- Application deadline:** Applications are accepted between July 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> only. See [http://www.med.ualberta.ca/education/ugme/admissions/dh\\_admission.cfm](http://www.med.ualberta.ca/education/ugme/admissions/dh_admission.cfm) for detailed deadline information.

8. **Document deadlines:** see [http://www.med.ualberta.ca/education/ume/admissions/dh\\_transcript.cfm](http://www.med.ualberta.ca/education/ume/admissions/dh_transcript.cfm).
9. Competitive applicants are interviewed by a team to determine if they possess the personal qualities necessary for the profession. The interview is usually in March, by invitation only and is designed to evaluate an applicant's degree of maturity and motivation, initiative, ability to communicate and personal qualities and interests.
10. Transfer credit will be granted for each course transferable to UofA if the grade achieved is at least a C- and the course is applicable to the specific program to which the student has applied. However, while courses with grades of D or F will not transfer for credit, they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your admission GPA.
11. **Course Attempts:** A failed preprofessional course may be retaken for a better grade. The first transferable grade earned in a course will be used towards the GPA for admission to the Dental Hygiene Diploma program.
12. **Academic Standing:** The Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at UofA consider a GPA below 2.0 from RDC or any other postsecondary institution to be Unsatisfactory Standing. This status is equivalent to *Required to Withdraw*. Students who have twice earned a GPA below 2.0 in an academic year are considered by the faculties to have twice earned Unsatisfactory Standing (Required to Withdraw) status and will *not* be admitted to the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at UofA. Please consult the UofA Calendar.

## HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

### [Science Department](#)

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[http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about\\_rdc/academic\\_departments/sciences](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about_rdc/academic_departments/sciences)

### [Academic Advising](#)

Academic Advising Centre: Room 1102  
[advisors@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:advisors@rdc.ab.ca) 403-342-3400  
[http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic\\_advising](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_advising)

### [RDC Website](#)

<http://www.rdc.ab.ca>

### [RDC Timetable](#)

<http://www.rdc.ab.ca/timetable>

### [Alberta Transfer Guide Department of Dentistry](#)

<http://www.acat.gov.ab.ca>  
[admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca](mailto:admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca)  
<http://www.dent.ualberta.ca/>  
 780-492-1319

### [University of Alberta UofA Calendar](#)

<http://www.ualberta.ca>  
<http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/index.html>

### PLEASE NOTE:

Be aware that you are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer College and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer. You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit or admission requirements for future programs. Consult with an academic advisor if you have any questions.

The function of academic advisors is to provide students with information and resources that enable them to make informed decisions relevant to their education. These resources include the Red Deer College Calendar, the Academic Planning Guide for your chosen program and destination university, the Alberta Transfer Guide and the calendar and contact information for your destination university.

Academic advisors will assist you in interpreting information from these resources or refer you to your destination university if appropriate. Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.